

commemoration of each of the Nation's past Presidents and their spouses, respectively to improve circulation of the \$1 coin, to create a new bullion coin, by a yea-and-nay vote of 291 yeas to 113 nays, Roll No. 624;
Pages H11447–53, H11468–69

Small Public Housing Authority Act: H.R. 3422, amended, to amend the United States Housing Act of 1937 to exempt small public housing agencies from the requirement of preparing an annual public housing agency plan, by a yea-and-nay vote of 387 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 625;
Pages H11453–55, H11470–71

Brownfields Redevelopment Enhancement Act: H.R. 280, amended, to facilitate the provision of assistance by the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the cleanup and economic redevelopment of brownfields;
Pages H11455–59

Designating certain buildings of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: H.R. 4500, to designate certain buildings of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and
Page H11459–62

Methamphetamine Remediation Research Act of 2005: H.R. 798, amended, to provide for a research program for remediation of closed methamphetamine production laboratories.
Pages H11462–67

Recess: The House recessed at 5:17 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.
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Honoring the 50th anniversary of the Honorable John D. Dingell's service in the House of Representatives: The House agreed to H. Res. 594, to honor the 50th anniversary of the Honorable John D. Dingell's service in the House of Representatives, by voice vote after ordering the previous question.
Pages H11469–70

Senate Message: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H11337, H11469.

Senate Referrals: S. 1231, and S. 2093 were held at the desk. S. 2094 was referred to Committees on Resources and the Judiciary. S. 1295 was referred to the Committee on Resources.
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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H11467–68, H11468–69 and H11470–71. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 12 midnight.

Committee Meetings

IMPORTED PHARMACEUTICALS SAFETY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Safety of Imported Pharmaceuticals: Strengthening

Efforts to Combat the Sales of Controlled Substances Over the Internet." Testimony was heard from Richard Stana, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO; Joseph Rannazzisi, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Deputy Chief, Office of Enforcement Operations, DEA, Department of Justice; Jayson Aherne, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Robert Meyer, M.D., Director, Office of Drug Evaluation II, Office of New Drugs, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

INTERNATIONAL MARITIME SECURITY

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations and the Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources held a joint hearing entitled "International Maritime Security." Testimony was heard from Chris Swecker, Assistant Director, Criminal Investigation Division, FBI, Department of Justice; the following officials of the United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security: RADM Wayne Justice, Director, Operations Policy; and RADM John Crowley, Judge Advocate General; RADM James E. McPherson, USN, The Judge Advocate General, Department of the Navy; and public witnesses.

STATE TAXATION OF RETIREMENT INCOME; BUSINESS ACTIVITY TAX SIMPLIFICATION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 4019, To amend title 4 of the United States Code to clarify the treatment of self-employment for purposes of the limitation on State taxation of retirement income; and H.R. 1956, amended, Business Activity Tax Simplification Act of 2005.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on H.R. 4019. Testimony was heard from former Representative George W. Gekas, State of Pennsylvania; and public witnesses.

CONFERENCE REPORT—USA PATRIOT IMPROVEMENT AND REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2005

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 3199, USA Patriot Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2005, and against its consideration. Testimony was heard from Chairman Sensenbrenner.

CONFERENCE REPORT—DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HHS, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2006

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 3010, Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman Lewis.

HURRICANE KATRINA—CHARITIES RESPONSE

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing to Review the Response by Charities to Hurricane Katrina. Testimony was heard from Representative McCrery; Cynthia M. Fagnoni, Managing Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security, GAO; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings**APPROPRIATIONS: LABOR/HHS/ EDUCATION**

Conferees agreed on Monday, December 12, 2005, to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 3010, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's spill prevention control and countermeasure program, 9 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Antonio Fratto, of Pennsylvania, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Public Affairs, David M. Spooner, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration, Vincent J. Ventimiglia, Jr., of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Legislation, Richard T. Crowder, of Virginia, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, and Jeffrey Robert Brown, of Illinois, to be a Member of Social Security Advisory Board, 11 a.m., SD-215.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing to review Technical Procedures of USDA's Establishment of Posted County Prices, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, to continue hearings entitled "Housing Options in the Aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack, hearing and mark up of H.R. 3197, Secure Handling of Ammonium Nitrate Act of 2005, 1:30 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks, oversight hearing on The National Park Service Organic Act and its Implementation through Daily Park Management, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Select Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina, hearing entitled "Hurricane Katrina: Preparedness and Response by the State of Louisiana," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.